



Montana Behavioral Initiative Early Childhood Program Opportunities

If you share the following beliefs:



- ✓ All children should be taught all the skills necessary for success: social, emotional, behavioral, and academic.
- ✓ Schools (preschool through high school) are places where students can learn and practice positive interpersonal, cross-cultural, and citizenship skills.
- ✓ Effective use of a team approach involving all school staff working together provides a consistency which enhances student success.

You will want to explore the Montana Behavioral Initiative

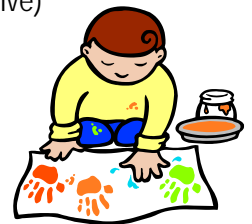
The MBI is a comprehensive **staff development** venture that improves the capacities of early childhood programs, schools, and communities to meet the diverse and increasingly complex **social, emotional, and behavioral needs** of students. The MBI assists educators, parents, and other community members in developing the **attitudes, skills, and systems** necessary to ensure that each student, regardless of ability or disability, leaves public education and enters the community with social competence.



To learn more about the MBI, please visit the Web site: <http://www.opi.mt.gov/MBI/index.html>.

Professional Development and Early Childhood Sites

- Attend the **MBI Summer Institute**, June 21-25, 2010, held at the MSU Campus in Bozeman.
 - Attend for the entire week or a day. (Individuals for the week, \$265.00; Teams of 4 or more people for the week, \$240.00/person; Individual for a single day, \$75.00.)
 - Limited **funding is available** to help Early Childhood teams attend the summer institute.
 - Early Childhood Strand Topics and Presenters include:
 - Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning
 - Facing the Challenge and Classroom Moments (Devereux Early Childhood Initiative)
 - Introduction to MBI or Advanced Team Action Planning with Becky Beckner
 - Center for Early Literacy Learning (CELL)
 - Parent and Family Involvement
 - Registration Web site: www.Montana.edu/cs/mbi/
- **Become an Early Childhood MBI Team.**
 - Teams include three to five representative members of the program staff, including an administrator.
 - Receive four days of **Team Training** (held regionally).
 - Two days in the fall, two days in the spring. Plus one additional day of training for the team coach/facilitator(s).
 - Travel, per diem, and lodging are **reimbursed** by the OPI.
 - Your team will receive access to an Early Childhood MBI Consultant and **technical assistance** throughout the year.



If your child care, preschool, or Head Start program is interested in becoming an early childhood MBI site, contact Susan Bailey-Anderson, MBI Coordinator, at (406) 444-2046, or e-mail at sbanderson@mt.gov.



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